

7 November 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR Garrison Commander, United States Army Garrison, Fort Gordon, Georgia
30905-5020

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Fort Gordon Officer and Enlisted Retiree Councils

1. The Fort Gordon Officer and Enlisted Retiree Councils met in joint session at Fort Gordon on 3 November 2005.

2. The following Officer and Enlisted Council members were present:

COL (Ret) Everett Greenwood, Co-Chairman	SGM (Ret) Richard Downs, Co-Chairman
COL (Ret) William Mannel	CSM (Ret) James Huggins
COL (Ret) Thom E. Tuckey	CSM (Ret) James Hussey
MAJ (Ret) John Anchor	SGM (Ret) Clyde E. Hyde, Jr.
CWO4 (Ret) Boni Buoni	1SG (Ret) Theola B. Melton
Mrs. Betty Dodd	SFC (Ret) Alfred S. Zamora
	SFC (Ret) Jack Baker
	PFC (Ret) Karenann Burkhardt-Amster

3. The following Officer and Enlisted Council members were absent:

COL (Ret) Webster E. Francis, Jr.	1SG (Ret) Rickey Lumpkin
CPT (Ret) William J. Barnard, Secretary	SFC (Ret) James O. McCormick
CW4 (Ret) Stefanos Kariotis	
Mrs. Nancy Moore	

4. The following non members were present:

LTC Sherri Baker, Eisenhower Army Medical Center (EAMC)
Mr. Terence Smith, Deputy Garrison Commander
Mrs. Judy Wyatt, Adjutant General
Mr. Eddie Wheelock, Project Director, SERCO Inc.
Ms. Hillary Boyce, Retirement Services Officer (RSO), SERCO Inc.

5. COL (Ret) Greenwood and SGM (Ret) Downs called the meeting to order at 1010, welcoming all attendees.

6. The Retiree Activity Day (RAD), which was held on Friday, 7 October 2005, was praised as a very successful event. The Signal Officer Basic Course (SOBC) students who volunteered to work on RAD received praise from several council members for their hard work. The AG and Garrison are coordinating to have certificates of appreciation presented to the SOBC students. Ms. Boyce handed out comments she had received via email on RAD. Compliments varied on subjects such as EAMC offering flu shots, free breakfast and lunch trays, overall planning and organization, well informed seminars offered, shuttle service from car to front door, and the dinner and presentation that Lieutenant General. (Ret) John Dubia gave at the evening's dinner. LTC Baker also had critique sheets from the seminars and passed out copies. All supporters of the event were mentioned and praised for their efforts on making RAD 2005 a success.

7. Ms. Boyce presented a list of suggestions that retirees had passed on for the next RAD. Suggestions included offering a lunch instead of a dinner, not starting so early in the morning, the RSO giving a seminar on services offered, dinner being served instead of a buffet, and rearranging the door prizes to make them more equal. Several negative comments were made concerning the Staff Judge Advocate table disassembling and leaving the RAD mid-day. COL (Ret) Thom Tuckey recommended that the next RAD should be held at the Gordon Club. COL (Ret) Greenwood stated that he had discussed this with Mr. Jackson, the Club manager and that it appeared that this was feasible. There would be issues such as parking and conflicts with the regular lunch that would have to be addressed. The council agreed that the Gordon Club was an option that should be considered for the next RAD. LTC Baker added that if the RAD was held in November there would be more likely to be available. SGM (Ret) Downs added that the Council should look at the idea of offering a golf tournament as a form of a fundraiser in the future.

8. COL (Ret) Greenwood stated that Ms. Boyce was working on possible issues that Fort Gordon would be interested in raising to the attention on the Chief of Staff (CSA) Retiree Council. SFC (Ret) Baker brought up the topic of veterans who were medically discharged (not retired) not being authorized fishing/hunting licenses on Fort Gordon. COL (Ret) Greenwood and Ms. Boyce both agreed that this was not a "retiree issue" that needed to be addressed to CSA Retiree Council. Mr. Smith stated that if SFC (Ret) Baker could get him the applicable Fort Gordon or Army Regulation that covered it, he would address it for possible changes. COL (Ret) Greenwood informed all members that if they think of any other issues to please let Ms. Boyce know so they can be staffed through the Garrison Commander and forwarded to the office of the Chief of Staff, Retirement Services.

9. COL (Ret) Greenwood informed all members that COL (Ret) Francis had submitted a verbal resignation from the Council due to work obligations and all agreed to accept verbal resignation and to vote on a replacement member. The Council voted and COL (Ret) William Evans, Jr., was elected to the Council.

10. COL (Ret) Greenwood opened discussion about possible changes of the Council By-Laws and Constitution. COL (Ret) Mannel mentioned several items that he felt should be looked at, including defining a term of service for all members. After an open discussion, it was concluded that COL (Ret) Mannel would work up some changes and present them at the next meeting.

11. COL (Ret) Greenwood stated that the next meeting would be held at 1000, 2 February 2006, in the Garrison Commander's Conference Room in Darling Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 1200.



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